

# **KENTUCKY BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATORS**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**June 18, 2008**

**The following are minutes of the Kentucky Board of Certification of Water Treatment and Distribution System Operator's meeting held June 18, 2008 at the Kentucky Dam State Resort Park in Gilbertsville Kentucky. The meeting was held in association with the Western Chapter KWWOA meeting.**

### **Board Members Present**

Dillard Griffin, Chairman  
Ed Story, Vice Chairman  
Barry Bolin  
Julie Roney, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

### **Others Present**

Lisa Butler, Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA)  
Julia Kays, DCA  
Melissa Brothers, KWWOA  
Operators attending the Western Chapter KWWOA conference

### **I. Call to order**

Dillard Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Lisa Butler called role.

### **II. Approval of minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2008 meeting was made by Ed Story. Barry Bolin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **V. Old Business**

Tabled training request #925-08 from Madisonville Community College, Gary Russ instructor, was resubmitted with the requested information. A motion was entered to approve the course for 12 hours. Julie Roney seconded the motion. The motion carried. (DCA course code # 6019)

### **VI. New Business**

- A. Training Application Reviews (Addendum 1)
- B. Exam Application Reviews (Addendum 2)

### **VII. Communication and Announcements**

Lisa Butler gave the board the Financial Statement for May 2008.

### **VIII. Open Forum**

Dillard Griffin opened the floor to operators with questions or comments. The main concerns expressed were the difficulty in finding young people interested in becoming a certified operator and the education requirements to become a certified operator.

The consensus is that there is a growing problem recruiting young people as operators. Dillard, Julie Roney, cabinet representative and Julia Kays branch manager certification and licensing, discussed what operators and system managers can do to inform their local government officials of the need for and necessity of certified operators. Julia and Julie also talked about the department's efforts to recruit high school students by participation in job and career fairs by staff members.

The question was asked if the education requirements were being changed to require a college degree to become certified. Julia said that at this time there were no regulatory plans to change the experience and education requirements to be come certified.

#### **IX. Executive Session**

A motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss disciplinary actions was made by Ed Story. Barry Bolin seconded the motion. The motion carried. The board entered executive session at 2:15 p.m.

Upon returning from executive session, Julie Roney made a motion recommending James Kerr's 1BD certification license # 16225 be revoked based on a series of Notices of Violation and for improper operational procedures. Mr. Kerr has shown a defiance of regulations and a failure of ability to operate a facility. Ed Story seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Story. Julie Roney seconded the motion. The motion carried. The board adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

## Training Requests

| Request # | Date Received | Requested By                | Course Title  | Hours Requested | Date of Course                | DW | 1st | 2nd | Motion to Approved | Comments           | # of Hours Approved | TCH Event ID# |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|----|-----|-----|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 953       | 5/22/2008     | Louisville Water Co.        | Backflow Prevention   | 40              | 11/8/07 - 12/6/07             | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 40                  | 6020          |
| 957       | 6/9/2008      | Louisville Water Co.        | Defensive Driving   | 1               | on-line                       | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 1                   | 6025          |
| 958       | 6/10/2008     | Missouri Rural Water Assoc. | Bootheel Expo   | 9.25            | 8/19/08 - 8/20/08             | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 9.25                | 6026          |
| 959       | 6/11/2008     | Louisville Water Co.        | Ring Saw  | 1               | 6/3/08                        | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 1                   | 6027          |
| 960       | 6/12/2008     | KY Rural Water Association  | Northeast Regional, Green River Regional, & Western Regional (7/08) | 2               | 7/15/08<br>7/17/08<br>7/24/08 | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 2                   | 6028          |
| 962       | 6/12/2008     | KY/TN WEA                   | 2008 Joint Water Professionals Conference                           | 10.5            | 7/20/08 - 7/23/08             | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  | J. Roney abstained | 10.5                | 6031          |
| 963       | 6/12/2008     | Western Chapter KWWOA       | Spring Operator Training  | 19              | 6/17/08 - 6/19/08             | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 19                  | 6032          |
| 964       | 6/12/2008     | KY Rural Water Association  | 2008 Operator Expo  | 12              | 8/25/07 - 8/27/07             | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 12                  | 6035          |
| 965       | 6/15/2008     | Pilgrim's Pride             | 8 hours Hazmat Refresher  | 8               | 5/3/08                        | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 8                   | 6036          |
| 966       | 6/15/2008     | Pilgrim's Pride             | Confined Space Entry and Rescue                                     | 16              | 5/7/08 - 5/8/08               | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 16                  | 6037          |
| 967       | 6/16/2008     | Louisville Water Co.        | Pre-stressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe                                 | 6               | 6/4/08                        | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 5.5                 | 6038          |
| 968       | 6/16/2008     | Louisville Water Co.        | Back to the Basics - Blasting Seminar                               | 16              | 2/8/07 - 2/9/07               | DW | ES  | BB  | X                  |                    | 16                  | 6039          |

## Exam Requests

| Request # | Name               | Agency Interest # | Date Received by DCA | Application Type | If Reciprocity State and Class | Status: (Conditional Approval, Approved, Denied) | 1st | 2nd | Motion Passed |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----|-----|---------------|
| 248-08    | Marcum, Kevin E.   | 31306             | 5/23/2008            | Distribution IV  |                                | Approved   | BB  | ES  | X             |
| 249-08    | Smothers, Doyle R. | 31228             | 6/4/2008             | Distribution IV  |                                | Approved   | BB  | ES  | X             |